

Senator Borah told THE NEW YORK HERALD he regarded the reservations proposed by Senator Watson, following his visit to the White House, as entirely unnecessary. These reservations were, first, that the participants in such a conference have no authority to cancel any part of the debts owed to this country; and second, that none of the propositions of the Treaty of Versailles be considered.

Senator Borah explained that the law specifically forbids the cancellation of the foreign debts owing to this country and that this, if nothing more, would block the conference from such a thing.

He said as to the Versailles treaty, "I am not at all sure that the conference would be powerless on such questions since it would require a treaty ratified by the Senate, to set aside the action already taken by the United States in the peace settlements. It would require two-thirds of the Senate, voting on a new treaty, he declared, to put into effect any of the features of the Versailles treaty."

Senator Borah is confident that the amendment he introduced will be passed by the Senate, and in this the polls have been taken in the last few days indicate that his judgment is justified. Much depends, of course, on the extent to which the Administration will combat the proposal among the members of the Senate.

Some opinion is that the President might consider it needless to block the amendment, even if he could, since after it were to be passed it would be within his power to ignore it if he saw fit.

PARENTS WANT PAID BOARD OF EDUCATION

Association Plans to Divorce Schools From Politics

A paid Board of Education, that would be a report made public last night by the United Parents Association. The contention of the association is that only persons of the highest caliber should be permitted to serve on the Board of Education, and that they should devote their entire time to the business of the board.

The report sets forth that an investigation by a special committee has disclosed that the Board of Education is not doing its duty, and that it is responsible for the overcrowding of schools, with the result that classes are too large and that part time and double sessions are necessary.

The association recommends that the Board of Education, after approval by the general public, be reorganized, and that the Board of Education, and appropriating the money necessary to carry them out, leave the selection of sites and all other matters pertaining to construction and alterations in the hands of the Board of Education. This, it is said, would make the Board of Education solely responsible for the erection of necessary school buildings, and make the Board of Education more efficient.

Many changes in existing laws would be necessary to bring about the improvements sought by the association.

MELTING POT CHRISTMAS BY HUNGARIAN SOCIETY

300 Children of East Side Are Guests of Members

Approximately 300 children from the East Side whom a busy Santa Claus might otherwise have slighted were entertained by the First Hungarian Literary Society of the city of New York last night at 317 East Seventy-ninth street.

The society ordinarily concerns itself with helping the needy, and has been doing so for many years. Each year it holds a typical melting pot Christmas to which all of the poor children of the East Side, regardless of race, religion, or color, are invited. Among the guests of honor last night were Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Senator-elect; Gustave Hartman, Justice of the City Court; Justice Robert F. Wagner; Dr. Charles Winick, Consul-General of Hungary; David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts; Sophie Irene Loeb, president of the Board of Child Welfare; and Morris Zukor, honorary president of the society. William F. Perkins, president of the society, presided.

SEVEN ESCAPE PRISON WITH BROOMSTICKS' AID

Overcome Four Attendants—Police Spread Dragnet

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Using broomsticks and mop handles as weapons, seven prisoners escaped from the Wayne county jail here early today. A police dragnet that was spread across the entire city and extended to Toledo and Cleveland had failed to-night to result in the capture of any of the escaped men.

Four jail attendants were on duty when the break for liberty took place. William Ackerman, a guard, who stood at the entrance to the cell block in which the men were quartered, was overpowered, after which the prisoners ran down to the office, where they attacked Deputy Sheriff J. A. Pusch.

FOUR HOLD BROTHER AS GIRL IS KIDNAPED

PHILADELPHIA, N. J., Dec. 24.—George Smith of Butteville reported to the police here today that his 15 year old sister, Miss Mary Smith, was kidnaped last night by three white men and a negro chauffeur. The chauffeur held Smith and a neighbor, James Hopkins, in the doorway of Smith's home by pointing a revolver at them while the three white men threw the girl into an automobile.

Smith said he had learned that fifteen minutes after the kidnaping, the automobile was wrecked on the road between Butteville and Belvidere and that another car picked up the three men and the girl. The chauffeur ordered his car and then went on toward Hazlet, Pa.

Smith said also that his sister was married some time ago to a Philadelphia man but left him when she learned that he had two other wives.

WOOD SAVES 11 CONDEMNED

Commutes Sentences Growing Out of Manila Riot

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 24 (Associated Press).—Death sentences of eleven non-combated officers of the Philippine constabulary were commuted to life imprisonment and life sentences of sixty-six privates were commuted to seventeen years' imprisonment by Gov. Gen. Wood. The sentences were commuted after the riot of December 13, 1920, between the constabulary and native police in which four Americans and seven Filipinos were killed.

FRANCE WANTS HINT OF AMERICAN VIEWS

Wants to Know How Far She Can Go on Ruhr Occupation.

EXPECTS NO OBSERVER

Believes Washington Will Issue Statement on the European Situation.

PREDICTS WAR DEBT PLAN

Poincare and Advisers Confer and Say 'German Fertilizer' Was Discussed.

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The French do not expect the American Government to name an observer, official or unofficial, for the conference of allied Premiers here January 2, but are awaiting some official exposition of the American point of view about the time the meeting opens, to afford a hint as to how far Europe can go in her efforts to collect reparations payments from Germany.

Such was the declaration today of one of the highest French economic authorities, close to the Government, who also seemed to believe there would be some sort of a compromise regarding interrelated debts in which Great Britain would agree to forego her claims on France, conditional upon the United States granting concessions to England when Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, discusses the British debt in Washington next month.

Italy and Belgium are reported to have given assent to such a solution of the debt dispute, temporarily, as neither is anxious now to offend the British by coming out flatly for any scheme of pressure that would involve eventual occupation of Ruhr territory. The French, however, are reported to be more quickly than the case, thus relieving congestion in the class rooms. It is suggested that the Board of Education should be a continuing body of three men, instead of except for inter-annual incompetency.

U. S. Observer Not Expected

However, French official circles doubt today that there would be any American participation, pointing out that Ambassador Harvey is on the way to Washington, Ambassador Child is busy in Lausanne and Ambassador Herrick is far from not being entrusted with official negotiations on the subject of reparations. This would leave only Ambassador Houghton in Berlin, whose selection for such action is regarded as doubtful.

Discussing the debt compromise referred to, THE NEW YORK HERALD's informant said it would, perhaps, result in averting immediate economic pressure in the Ruhr, but French acceptance probably would be forthcoming only if given absolute control of the Rhine-land, especially customs, railways and forests. The possibility of a scheme of inter-city obligations, which has been studied for months by French experts. But it is apparent M. Poincare is waiting for more definite knowledge of just what the United States wants, and also on assurances of what support he can count upon from Belgium and Italy, in case a British debts compromise cannot be developed as French financiers hope.

Poincare Holds Conference

Premier Poincare held a meeting this morning at the Foreign office with the heads of all Government departments interested in reparations; and after a session of several hours it was announced that the council had discussed the question of obtaining chemical fertilizers from Germany. Whatever else may have been discussed it is not believed that any military matter came up as no military experts attended.

Thus far French demands for German fertilizer have either been refused outright or greatly delayed, while the fields in the devastated regions could use millions of tons of fertilizer annually. The largest fertilizer plants are in the Rhine-land, although to obtain full control of these the Allies would have to extend their bridgeworks to take in at least Frankfurt, which would probably evoke new protests from England, where France's first attempt at individual action against Germany has not been forgotten.

To-day's conference stresses the contrast between the methodic preparations by the Quai d'Orsay for the Premier's council and the feverish anxiety reported from Berlin, which is expected to culminate in a demand that a German delegation be heard at next week's meeting.

Ruhr Plan Drawn Up

PARIS, Dec. 24 (Associated Press).—The Matia says that the Government is anxious to have a plan for operating on the left bank of the Rhine ready almost to details, including the establishment of a customs barrier between the Rhine-land and the Ruhr basin, on the one hand, and the rest of Germany on the other. The Government at the same time attaches the utmost importance to having the true nature of the plan understood; it is a deterrent on productive guarantees, not a military expedition intended to annex German territories.

The intervention of the army, continues the Matia, is only foreseen to an extent necessary for the protection of customs employees or control of German State property.

A Toulon dispatch to this paper says that the Maritime Prefect has been ordered to name naval construction engineers to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the Ruhr.

Police Mount Guard Over Montreal's R. C. Churches

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Catholic churches in Montreal were placed under strong police guard to-night after rumors were circulated throughout the city that outrages were contemplated during the celebration of midnight mass. Police were stationed in and around St. Patrick's Church, and similar precautions were being taken in French Catholic churches, which are usually crowded on Christmas eve.

TURKS CLING TO MOSUL OIL; WON'T ADMIT BRITISH CLAIM

Negotiations Fail, Angora's Delegates Insisting Rich Petroleum Area Does Not Come Under the Mandate for Mesopotamia—U. S. Interests Involved.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 24 (Associated Press).—Settlement of the control of the Mosul oil district, in which solution American interests are involved, received a setback today when the Turks notified the British delegates that they could not accept the British contention that Mosul is part of Iraq and therefore of Mesopotamia, over which there is a British mandate. Private discussions have failed and the question will come into the conference in connection with the general fixing of Turkey's boundaries.

The Mosul oil fields are said to be among the richest in the world. Under the San Remo agreement England gave France 25 per cent of the output, but Turkey came to Lausanne with the argument that the Mosul Vilayet, containing most of the oil property, belongs to Turkey chiefly because the population is Turkish. The Turks want England to recognize Mosul as Turkish, but say they will allow the British to work the oil fields.

Recently England sent a memorandum to the Turkish delegates arguing that on ethical, historical, political and economic grounds Mosul was really part of Iraq. Turkey's answer to-day is refusal to accept the British arguments and a demand that the Mosul Vilayet should be considered separate from the rest of Iraq and as a part of Turkey. The Turks deny that the population of Mosul is chiefly Kurd and that for racial reasons Mosul should go to Iraq, and conclude that Mosul must be deemed an integral part of Turkey.

Turkey's determined stand adds another vital problem to the list which must be settled when the delegates reassemble after Christmas. The United States has a great interest in the disposal of Mosul because of the oil supply.

UNTERMYER CALLS JERSEY KLANSMEN PLAY SANTA KLAUS

Ku Klux Scathingly Denounced at Banquet of Palestine Foundation Fund.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—Addressing a large gathering of Jews at a banquet of the Palestine Foundation Fund to-night Samuel Untermyer called the Ku Klux Klan a "strange, medieval eruption" in the civic life of America and accused its members of being banded together in conspiracy against American institutions.

Particular attention was given by the speaker to the charge reported to have been made by the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan that the Jews are a "productive people and 'added nothing to the sum of human welfare.'" Mr. Untermyer pointed to the work being done in Palestine as the final and complete refutation of this charge and cited many statistics showing the Jewish people were engaged in some of the essential industries in the country.

"Not content with their usual forms of persecution," he said, "they have in instances imported and adopted the latest and most vicious forms of anti-Semitism—the economic boycott—seeking thereby to attain ends which could not be attained by all other illegal, cowardly and un-American practices."

"In one of the largest of our States they are pursuing a widespread system of boycott against the Jews as Jews, and because they are Jews. There are the United States 12,000 Jewish families engaged in farming, representing a population of more than 60,000, distributed among the States.

"They cultivate more than 1,000,000 acres of land, representing holdings to the value of \$100,000,000, and this despite the fact that the cultivation of the soil is the last occupation to which the Jews, because of the persecutions to which they have been subjected, particularly in Russia, have been permitted to enter. Were it not for the existence of the type of mind represented by this Imperial Wizard and his outlaw crew the number of the Jewish farmers in America would probably be greater."

POLICE BALK AT DRILLS, MAKING KLAN CHARGE

New Britain Instructor Denies He Is a Kluxer.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Dec. 24.—The police commissioners of New Britain will meet Wednesday night to consider a revolt in the police department, fourteen members of which recently refused to attend the weekly physical drill because their instructor, Joseph Hergestrom, was reported to have attended a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Hergestrom, however, has denied that he was at the Klan meeting.

It is not known what action the board contemplates, but it was reported that several members favor the dismissal of the entire group who have been insubordinate and who refused to attend the drill.

ELECTROCUTED IN BATHTUB

Philadelphia Establishes Fatal Circuit With Massaging Machine.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—George Meeker was killed to-day while taking a bath at his home. He attempted to turn the water off in the bathtub while holding an electrical massaging machine in his hand, the full force of the house current passing through his body.

The insulation on the wire of the massaging apparatus is believed to have been defective.



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CLAIMS WASHINGTON REACTS TO MOSCOW

Kameneff Says Russia Is Now Held a Factor in Trade Problem.

WORLD NEEDS HER AID

Declares Europe Must Recognize Her Before Settling Big Economic Issue.

LENINE NOT AT MEETING

Doctors Forbid Him Speaking Before Congress of All Country's Soviets.

By FRANCIS McCULLAGH. Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. Moscow, Dec. 24.—The tenth congress of Soviets met to-night in the opera house. The military square as usual was strongly guarded, and in addition was swept by two searchlights. Foreign diplomats who attended such a congress for the first time occupied the late Czar's box. Lenin was expected to deliver an address, and there was great disappointment when President Kalenin announced that the doctor had forbidden him to attend.

Leo Kameneff, President of the Moscow Soviet, said that after several months of careful observation the United States had decided that Soviet Russia must be reckoned with as an important factor in world economics.

"There has been a general change in the American feeling towards the Soviets," declared Kameneff, "a feeling that astonished all American prophets by lasting five years. America asked Russia if she might send a commission to investigate Russia, whereupon Russia asked if the Soviet Government might send a commission to investigate America. Some election candidates in America urged recognition of the Soviet Government, but whether or not England, France and America recognize us, we have lived five years without their recognition and will continue to live."

Europe Must Recognize Soviets

"Europe cannot settle her differences or pay her debts until she recognizes Russia," Kameneff said that all the bourgeois critics had said that Russia must adopt the capitalist system, but that the Russians never would. They were allowing certain agreements between private capital and the Government in agriculture and trade, but in Government enterprises they had 2,000,000 laborers at work. Foreign critics, he added, also said that Russia, never would succeed with her trade if she continued to make a government monopoly of it, but despite that 500 requests for concessions had been received from

PREDICTS 75 KLANSMEN FOR NEXT CONGRESS

Member of Organization Sees Bright Political Future.

The Rev. Dr. Wallace L. Gallup, pastor of the Greene Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, in his sermon yesterday morning said a Ku Klux Klansman in New Hampshire had written to him saying the next Congress would contain seventy-five Klansmen—100 per cent. Americans, the New Hampshire man called them.

"As a result of my recent sermon on the Ku Klux Klan," said Dr. Gallup, "I have received numerous communications, some signed by their authors, others unsigned."

"Nothing that was said in the sermon two weeks ago has been retracted or will be retracted; if one needed any further proof of the character of the Klan, he would find it in the type of letters written to me this week. Events in other parts of the country have quite justified all I said about this organization on the previous occasion."

Two policemen were on duty at the church last evening during a Christmas service to guard Dr. Gallup.

DIES AFTER THREE DRINKS

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 24.—Reuben Ford, 55 years old, of Norfolk, was found dead to-day in a rooming house here. Police reported that a bottle with an alcoholic content of 22 per cent, was found in the room. A friend told the police that Ford had taken three drinks from the bottle.



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See a 125 Mile Chicago With 50,000,000 Persons

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The possibility of Chicago growing into a city more than 125 miles long, stretching from Milwaukee into Indiana, with a population of fifty million persons, was discussed yesterday at a meeting of the Wisconsin Association of City and County Planters in Kenosha, Wis.

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abroad this year, and twenty-five had been granted.

Russia, he said, was always ready to grant foreign concessions when they involved a monopoly that was productive and not speculative. Treaties such as the Rapallo treaty was the only way Russia could keep out of the war and guarantee her economic development.

"Greece and England are mercenary and wanted to convert Turkey into a colony. The Bolsheviks supported Turkey in her fight against the imperialists and always will support her. Greece is not a Bolshevik State but she pushed her Ministers for acting as England's tools, and she did quite right. Russia is Lausanne as Turkey's friend and will remain Turkey's friend as long as Turkey is anti-imperialistic. When a Turkish Government with no loyalty bows to the Emperor of Austria and to Lord Curzon then Russia will conclude that Turkey has been bought."

Attache Struts Proposals

"Lord Curzon wants the Dardanelles open to ships so as to be brought within the orbit of the next war. Russia wants them closed so as to isolate the Black Sea from future war, and England and another in the rear of all the Black Sea nations to arm, which is contrary to those elegant exhortations about pacifism in which Lloyd George used to indulge. If the Turkish delegate signs the document opening the straits it will be a serious question for the Russian delegate. If the Lausanne conference settles nothing new troubles will come. The seed of war is everywhere in Europe. Lord Curzon is sowing it in Germany by the way he is handling the reparations question, but Russia has reduced her Red army to 1,000,000 this year and will further diminish it."

Kameneff expressed regret that Russia had not turned her hand to peaceful work earlier, but allied intervention, he said, was to blame. He said Russia would never again offer the Allies the terms she offered at Genoa, and added that henceforth the Rapallo treaty would be the model Russia would follow.

President Kalenin said that the principal task before the Congress was to unite all the Soviet republics, whose delegates in many cases were present as guests, but who within five days would be members of the congress.

At Lausanne, delegates from Vladivostok, told how Siberia had adopted the Soviet system, and was loudly applauded.

CHRISTMAS WALES ON NORTH ATLANTIC

Steamships Driven Back to Queenstown by Weather.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 24.—Heavy weather is prevailing in the Atlantic. The Belgian steamer Londoner, from Immingham for Norfolk, returned today to port, considerably damaged. One member of her crew was killed and several members were injured.

The steamer New Columbia also returned to port to replenish her oil fuel supply.

London Has Gayest Christmas Since War

Large Gathering of Royalty Celebrates at Sandringham.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. London, Dec. 24.—London is celebrating Christmas as only London does. It looks up its material interests beyond those pertaining to the stomach and throws the key away. Sandringham Palace is setting the pace by seating two Kings, King George and the King of Norway, and five Queens, Queen Mary, Queen Mother Alexandra, her sister, the Dowager Empress of Russia, Dowager Queen Louise of Denmark and the Queen of Norway, who is King George's sister, and a number of Princes and Princesses at the Christmas Eve table. All members of the Royal family except Princess Mary and Prince George, who is ill, will be present.

The last newspapers to tell of happenings until Tuesday evening were London's early Sunday papers. Until Tuesday evening the entire country will be without news. The shops will be closed until Wednesday. Every one in London is in a generous mood. The King has given a veritable mountain of beef to his employees. Sir Thomas Lipton is giving free meals all over the country.

Railway terminals yesterday were crowded with thousands rushing to the country. The large hotels have not had so many and such gay parties since the war.

One registry office registered 25 new babies and 23 marriages this morning. The stores have never experienced such a rush of shoppers since before the war, and the spirit behind this Christmas to a certain extent is based on something more than hope that the next year will mark the return of conditions not known here since 1914.



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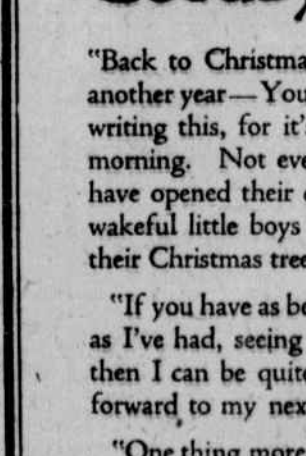
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Goodbye Children

"Back to Christmas Tree Land I'm flying for another year—You're all sound asleep while I'm writing this, for it's very, very early Christmas morning. Not even the most excited little girls have opened their eyes yet—not even the most wakeful little boys have crept downstairs to see their Christmas tree and the toys I've left them."

"If you have as beautiful a time this Christmas as I've had, seeing you all and talking to you, then I can be quite happy. Are you looking forward to my next visit—in 1923? So am I!"

"One thing more—I'll be sending toys to Lord & Taylor all through the year, so even though I'm not there you must come often just the same."

"Love to each one of you and a goodbye kiss."

Santa Claus

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